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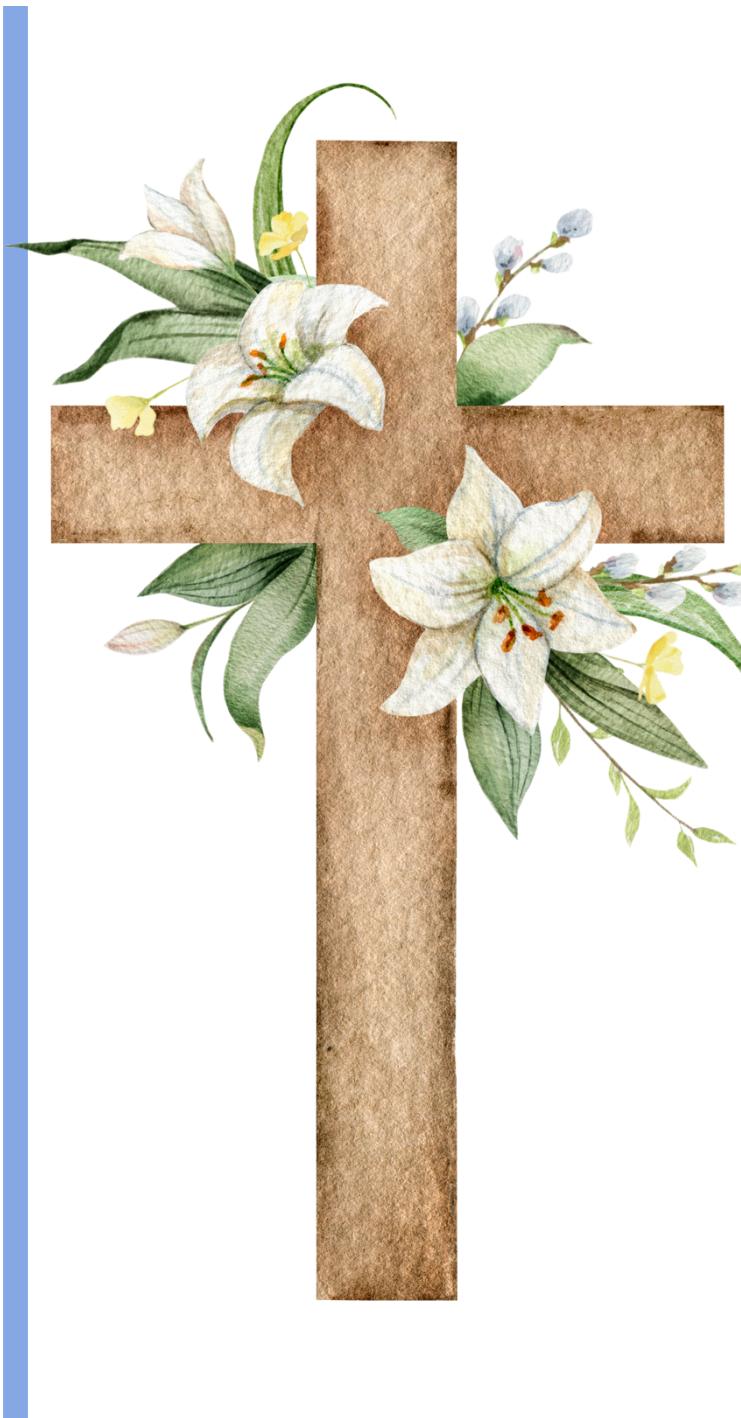
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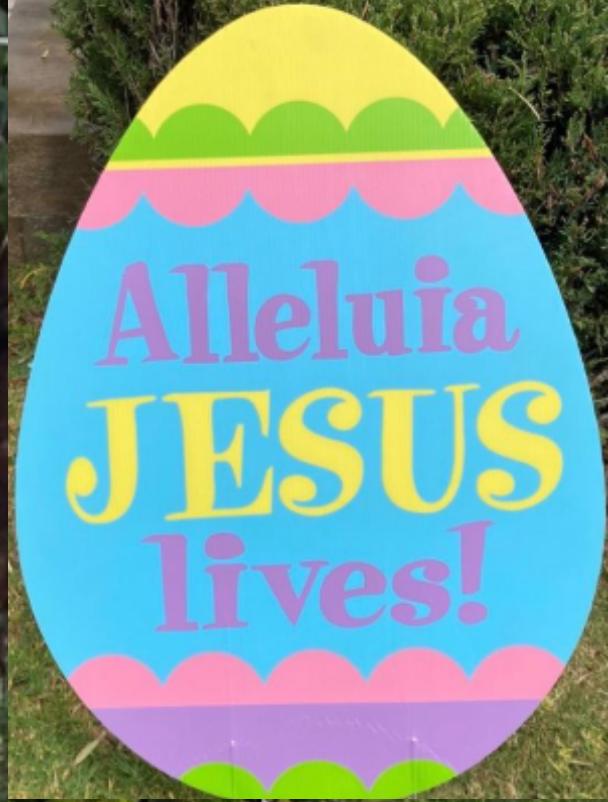




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# CELEBRATING THE JOY OF EASTER TOGETHER!



He is risen! As we prepare to celebrate Easter Sunday on April 20, 2025, we invite you—kids, families, and neighbors—to join us for a morning of worship followed by a delightful Easter Egg Hunt! This special event is more than just fun and games; it's a chance to share the joy of Easter, be together as a church family, and spread the good news of Jesus Christ with our community.

Our Easter Sunday worship service will begin at 10:00 AM, where we'll rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior—the heart of our faith and the source of our hope. After the service, we'll gather outside for an Easter Egg Hunt that's sure to bring smiles to children of all ages.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to welcome families from our community to experience the love of Christ in action. The Easter story isn't just something we keep to ourselves—it's a message of joy, redemption, and new life that we're called to share. What better way to do that than by coming together for fellowship, fun, and a celebration of God's grace?

We're excited to see our church family grow closer through this time of connection. Parents, bring your kids! Grandparents, bring your grandkids! Friends, invite your neighbors! Let's make this a day of building relationships and creating memories as we live out the Gospel together.

If you'd like to help make this event extra special, we'd love volunteers to assist with hiding eggs, handing out chocolate bunnies and greeting guests. We also need someone willing to be the Easter bunny. Please contact Julie Kurtz (310-489-1969) to get involved.

We can't wait to see you on Easter Sunday as we worship, hunt for eggs, and celebrate the risen Lord who unites us all. Let's share the joy of Easter—together!



# PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Picking ice cream toppings after the Fun Run

# PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March brings rain, sunshine, and fun activities! Our "Sing Sunday" in February was a huge success. We went through over 150 hot dogs and the weather was perfect. We hosted our Spring Fun-Run Fundraiser on March 7th for continuous upgrades to the facility and it was a blast! Parents and students enjoyed ice cream together after the race.

Spring season is also bringing in new families! We are starting to receive many inquiries, which, in turn, leads to tours, and with our loving teachers, Christian values, and a top-of-the-line environment, most people sign up for our program. Lastly, we are receiving registration forms for siblings turning two in the fall. Word of mouth is the best advertising.



Our monthly Christian curriculum is unique and engaging. It includes the stories of *Mary and Martha*, *Jesus Heals a Deaf Man*, *Zacchaeus*, and *Children Praise Jesus*. These stories are not only educational but also teach important values. Our discovery points this month are particularly significant explaining that Jesus loves everyone and took their sins for us. We praise Him for His love.

**written by Preschool  
Director David Welch**



# MATTHEW THE GOSPEL WRITER

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With this writing about Matthew, I have finished my articles on all four of our Gospels. All these gospels were written by men whom God inspired. I encourage you to read these four gospels in your own time and enjoy the peace that comes from these readings.

Matthew was probably written in Palestine in the early church period when the audience was mainly Jews. Matthew was a tax collector before following Jesus. Matthew composed the Gospel in Greek around 70 A.D. He emphasizes the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies by Jesus Christ. Christ is a new law giver whose divine mission was confirmed by repeated miracles. Matthew traces the genealogy of Jesus back to Abraham. His gospel is directed to follow Jews trying to get their acceptance of Jesus as the Messiah. Matthew is claiming that Jesus is greater than Moses and Jesus isn't just another prophet or king but is the triune God who fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies. Jesus has conquered the power of death and [promises eternal life to his believers.] Matthew mentions 36 miracles performed by Jesus which are the most mean toned in all the gospels.



Matthew as portrayed in *The Chosen* TV series

One of the most important chapters in Matthew is Chapter 5, The Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes present a new set of ideals that focus on love and humility rather than force and extortion. The beatitudes echo the highest ideals of Jesus's teachings on spirituality and compassion. My favorite part of Matthew is the last chapter 28:16-20 the great commission. Verse 19, go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the son and of the holy spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold I am with you to the end of the age. At Mt. Olive, we have always tried to follow the great commission and will continue to do so with the help of the Holy Spirit.

# Editor's Message



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***Movie Night - Passion of the Christ, Wednesday, April 16th***

***Maundy Thursday Service - 7PM, Thursday, April 17th***

***Good Friday Service - 7PM, Friday, April 18th***



## ***Interested in Participating?***

### ***Altar Flowers***

Altar flowers are provided through individual's \$80 donations, which cover two beautiful arraignments. Sign up anytime in the church entry way!

### ***Coffee Fellowship***

Coffee Fellowship is provided through individuals donating food, setting up, and hosting the coffee fellowship after service on Sunday. Sign up to host one Sunday in anytime in the church entry way!

### ***Writing in the Press***

If you love to write, are passionate about ministry, or simply have a unique story to share, we want to hear you!

*Contact  
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*Emma Carter*

# CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	31 9:30am ESL Class	1	2	3 9:30am Preschool Chapel	4	5
6 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	7 9:30am ESL Class	8	9	10 9:30am Preschool Chapel	11	12 7pm Youth Group
13 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	14 9:30am ESL Class	15	16 Movie Night 7PM	17 9:30am Preschool Chapel 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 7pm Good Friday Service	19
Easter Sunday 20 9am Easter Brunch 10am Worship 11am Egg Hunt	Easter Monday 21 9:30am ESL Class	22	23	24 9:30am Preschool Chapel 7pm Council	25 9:15am Parents Chapel	26 7pm Youth Group
27 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	28 9:30am ESL Class	29	30	1 9:30am Preschool Chapel	2	3

Holidays and Observances: 15: Tax Day, 20: Easter Sunday, 21: Easter Monday

\*For further calendar updates, please visit [www.mtoliverpv.com](http://www.mtoliverpv.com)

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